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FIND HELMECKE GUILTY FAILING TO ENTER ARMY

**Court Martial at Ft. Brown
Sentences Him to 5 Years
in Leavenworth Prison**

A. A. Helmecke, former automobile dealer of San Benito, who was tried before a general court martial at Fort Brown yesterday afternoon, charged with desertion from the United States army, was found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison, dishonorable discharge from the United States army and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Helmecke was arrested in San Benito on January 10 of this year by the American Legion and brought to Fort Brown and was placed in the guard house.

He registered in 1917 when the draft was first announced, but when called upon to appear for a physical examination he failed to show up, according to testimony. His name was sent to the adjutant general at Austin and Helmecke was mailed several notices. He stated in his defense that he had never received these notices nor the order to appear before the examining board.

About this time he disappeared from San Benito and did not appear again until after the war. In testimony given by witnesses during the trial yesterday, it was charged that Helmecke said several times he would not be drafted into the army and if they wanted him they would have to come and get him. He was also said to have announced his intention of going to South America or Mexico for the duration of the war, according to testimony.

While Helmecke was in the guard house at Fort Brown, he claimed that he had served in the army under the name of William Helmecke. Records presented by the prosecution showed there was a William Helmecke who had served, but subsequent investigation proved William was the brother of the prisoner.

Helmecke's defense which was handled by Capt. T. M. Roemer and Lieut. C. I. Mann of Fort Brown and J. C. O'Connell of Brownsville, was based entirely on the claim that he had never received the notices from the adjutant general and the examining board. A deposition from the adjutant general, State of Texas, photo-stat copies of the notices and registration cards, and testimony of citizens of San Benito who had dealings with Helmecke, all tended to break down his defense.

The sentence will be sent to the Board of Review at Fort Sam Houston to be passed on.

Quite a large crowd attended the trial.

MAN REFERRED TO AS HUMAN BLOODHOUND KILLED AT R. GRANDE

RIO GRANDE CITY, Mar. 7. — Sebastian Lerna, accused of having shot from ambush and killed Manuel Rivera a few weeks ago, was arrested near here late Sunday. Rivera, who was 60 years old, was referred to as a "human bloodhound" because of his uncanny ability in tracking persons by their footprints.

At the time of his death he is said to have been assisting officers in searching for Lerna, who was being hunted in connection with charges of theft. Lerna, it was said, went to Mexico after the killing of Rivera, venturing to the American side Sunday, which was followed by his arrest when officers located him in an alleged hiding place.

TWO WOMEN INDICTED ON PERJURY CHARGES

(By The Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 7. — Mrs. Minnie Neighbors of Los Angeles and Mrs. Frances Bates of Chicago, who testified for the defense in the trials of Roscoe Arbuckle, were indicted today on perjury charges by the county grand jury.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

(By The Associated Press.)
MADRID, Spain, Mar. 7. — The Spanish cabinet, headed by Antonio Maura, resigned today.

DAWSON ASSUMES DUTIES

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 7. — Claude I. Dawson Sunday assumed his duties as United States consul general in Mexico. He succeeds Cornelius Ferris, Jr., who had been acting consul general for nearly two years. Dawson has been consul at Tampico.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight, fair; Wednesday, fair and warmer; light to gentle northerly to easterly winds.

The following weather observations, covering the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. today, are reported by Mrs. A. W. Reed, United States voluntary weather observer:

Maximum 92.5
Minimum 56.
Temperature at noon today 75.
Barometer 30.18

6 DEAD, MANY INJURED, IN S. CAROLINA TORNADO

**May Soon Ripen
Grapefruit in
Cold Storages**

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — The grapefruit appearing on the American breakfast table may in the future be one coaxed to ripeness while reposing in a frigid temperature of some refrigerating plant.

Department of Agriculture experts announced today after completion of a series of experiments begun in 1917 that contrary to the prevalent opinion citrus fruit will ripen off the tree and like pears and apples, will develop a superior eating quality after a period of one to three months in cold storage. The fruit, however, must be suitably "cured" before being placed in cold storage, it was determined. This curing process involving keeping the fruit in a temperature of about seventy degrees for a period of two to three weeks. It is then transferred to a temperature of 32 degrees for a longer storage.

The government experts found, it was said, that while the sugar content of the fruit remained about the same, the acid content decreased markedly during this storage, and apparently the tendency of the fruit to "pit" or form the sunken spots, which sometimes appear on the skin and impair the fruit's market value.

FARWELL FARMER IS SHOT AND KILLED, A BANKER SURRENDERS

(By The Associated Press.)
AMARILLO, Texas, Mar. 7. — P. E. Parker, 45, a farmer residing between Farwell and Bovina died at Farwell early this morning from a gunshot wound received at Farwell Monday afternoon. H. E. Guy, president of the Farwell National Bank, surrendered to the sheriff immediately following the shooting. He gave bond for \$5000. The shooting occurred on the sidewalk in front of the bank of which Guy is the president. There were two witnesses to the affair. Parker leaves a widow and two children. Guy is married and has three children.

LLOYD GEORGE DEFERS GIVING RESIGNATION

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 7. — Premier Lloyd George deferred his resignation without giving his colleagues a pledge as to future action regarding the premiership, according to most reliable information today. It is commonly accepted that he will retain his leadership in the government until the Irish legislation is completed and possibly until the Genoa conference. He is credited with an earnest desire to go to Genoa.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

DELAND, Fla., Mar. 7. — Acting on information which the authorities say was furnished by the Ku Klux Klan, Mrs. Alice Shields was arrested and charged with the murder of her husband on February 5.

Trotsky Launches Campaign To Give All Russia A Bath

(By The Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, Mar. 7. — Leon Trotsky, the Soviet War Minister has launched a campaign to make Russia clean. He intends to do this through the Red Army.

It is his chief and most cherished desire to convert 100,000,000 people to his slogan: "Cleanliness is health and with health the world may be moved." Trotsky has banished grease and dirt, beads and long hair, shabby and ill-fitting clothes from the Red Army and now he wants to pass on the benefits of cleanliness to the entire population. Personally, he gives the Russians a splendid example.

Trotsky's own clothes are a model of simplicity and neatness. He wears no insignia to show he is the commander-in-chief of the army. His jacket is of gray green army cloth, with a military air given by a closely buttoned, roll-down collar and military pockets. His trousers are tucked into a pair of lace half-boots. A square, medium-sized man, his large head and broad forehead would attract attention of the observ-

(By The Associated Press.)

AUGUSTA, Ga., Mar. 7. — Six persons were killed and scores injured in a tornado which just before daybreak today swept the mill town of Warrentonville, the village of Stillton and Langley, all in South Carolina. Heavy property damage is reported.

TRAVELING MAN IS FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR CISCO, TEXAS

(By The Associated Press.)

ABILENE, Texas, Mar. 7. — W. V. Hallmark of Cisco, traveling salesman for the American Tobacco Company, froze to death the night of February 28 when an automobile which he was riding from Abilene to Post City became lodged on a high ridge in the center of the road, according to information received here.

Hallmark's body was found several hundred yards from the car, in the direction of Abilene. He was a former football player and a robust man. He was married Miss Irene Grant, daughter of Gatesville, Texas.

LUNA ON TRIAL FOR DEATH OF C. J. HARVELL

Andres Luna is on trial in the district court today for the murder of Charles J. Harvell, a United States soldier, who was killed on the night of July 11, 1921.

The jury was completed yesterday afternoon about 3:30 and taking of testimony began immediately. It is expected the case will go to the jury this afternoon.

JACK, THE CLIPPER, IS BUSY AT DENTON, TEX.

(By The Associated Press.)
DENTON, Texas, Mar. 7. — While Miss Jennie Smith, Lottie Wheeler and Bess Milligan of Sanger, Texas, were asleep last night in the same bed in the house of Reverend C. N. Smith, some person entered the room through a window, cut off their hair and left it scattered in the room. The girls were not awakened. The motive is not known.

TWO MEN ARRESTED ON MURDER INDICTMENTS

Alfredo Rodriguez, indicted in connection with the killing of Felix Martinez, who was shot and killed on the El Jardin road early this year and whose body was found on the street near 14th and Jackson, and Teofilo Sandoz, indicted in connection with the murder of Luz Lopez at Harlingen about January 21 last, were arrested yesterday by Sheriff W. T. Vann. Both men have been placed under \$1000 bond.

Francisco Almaguay, alias Lino Zuniga, indicted for attempt to kill Luis Garcia last fall, has also been arrested. Bond in his case was fixed at \$1000.

Mrs. Duke Alleges Broker Swindled Her Out of Huge Sum; Had Him Arrested



Alfred E. Lindsay, South Nyack, N. Y., broker, has been arrested in a suburb of Philadelphia and taken to New York City, accused of having swindled a dozen of prominent society women out of nearly a million dollars. One of his victims is said to be Mrs. Lillian N. Duke, divorced wife of James B. Duke, the tobacco king. Her loss is said to be about \$300,000. Mrs. Duke filed action against Lindsay and his wife to restrain them from selling or mortgaging their estate in South Nyack.

Cabbage Market

(Supplied Daily by U. S. Bureau of Markets, San Benito)

Shipments Yesterday.
United States, cabbage, 77 cars.
Lower Valley, cabbage, 37 cars.
Lower Valley, mixed vegetables, 13 cars.
Lower Valley, carrots, one car.

Shipping Point Information.
San Benito and Nearby Points.—Hauling heavy; light wire inquiry; demand limited; market steady; carlots f. o. b. usual terms, bulk per ton, mostly \$10; some shipments rolled unrolled.
Rochester, N. Y.—Weather cool and clear. Practically no wire inquiry; very light demand for best stock; practically none for poor; market dull; too few sales to fix price; shippers asking \$35 to \$40 for best; ordinary stock mostly discounted.

Terminal Markets Today.
Chicago.—Weather 34 degrees, snowing. One car arrived, 30 on track; demand and movement moderate; market steady; sales to jobbers—Florida pointed type, 1-2 bushel hampers, \$1.10 to \$1.25; Alabama flat type, 100-pound crates, \$2 to \$2.25; Texas flat type, 100-lb crates, mostly \$2; sacked per ton delivered, \$38 to \$40.

Kansas City.—Weather 30 degrees, clear. Five cars arrived, two on track. Demand and movement good; market firm; sales to jobbers—Texas bulk per cwt., mostly \$2.

St. Louis.—Weather 34 degrees, cloudy. Thirteen cars arrived, 12 on track. Demand and movement limited; market dull; few sales; Texas flat type, bulk per ton, mostly \$40; a few sales at \$45.

Pittsburg.—Weather 48 degrees, raining. Seven cars arrived, 23 on track; demand and movement moderate; market steady on new stock. Sales to jobbers—Texas bulk per ton, \$50 to \$55 carlot sales. Texas, bulk per ton, \$46.

U. S. Carlot Shipments, Saturday, Mar. 4.
Alabama 4, California 7, Florida 90, Louisiana 2, New York 16, South Carolina 8, Texas 117. Total 244.

Sunday—
California 1, Florida 55, Louisiana 1, New York 3, Texas 8. Total 68.

Destinations Valley Shipments, Saturday and Sunday.

Canton, O., 1; Charlestown, W. V., 1; Chicago, 7; Cleveland, 2; Dallas, 1; Denver, 1; Detroit, 2; Fort Worth, 2; Grand Island, 1; Houston, 56 (some for diversion); Indianapolis, 3; Kansas City, 3; Lake Charles, La., 1; Lexington, Ky., 1; Memphis, 1; Lincoln, 1; Louisville, 2; Muskogee, 1; Oklahoma City, 1; Omaha, 2; Peoria, 1; Pittsburg, 2; Quincy, Ill., 1; St. Joseph, 1; St. Louis, 10; (some for diversion); St. Paul, 2; Saskatoon, Canada, 1; Salt Lake City, 1; Shawnee, 2; Springfield, O., 1; Terre Haute, 1; Toledo, 1; Waco, 1; Wichita, 1. Total 117.

Saturday's and Sunday's Shipments from Lower Valley by Loading Points.

Brownsville 7; Rio Hondo 2; Santa Maria 2; San Benito 10; Combes 1; Harlingen 7; Stuart Place 4; Mercedes 4; La Feria 3; Westlake 24; Donna 10; Alamo 13; San Juan 4; Sharyland 2; Mission 7; McAllen 5; Edinburg 3; Pharr 5; San Fordyce 1; Alton 1; Llano Grande 2. Total 117.

M'NARY'S BILL ON IRRIGATION IS ACTED UPON

**Favorable Report on Measure
Providing Revolving Fund
For Reclamation Work**

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — The McNary bill, appropriating \$350,000,000 to develop irrigation and reclamation, including the draining of swamp lands, was reported favorably today by the senate irrigation committee.

OF GREAT INTEREST HERE

The McNary bill, which today was reported favorably by the senate irrigation committee, is of vital interest to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, said C. L. Jessup, President of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Users' Association, of which C. H. Pease of McAllen is the secretary.

"The bill proposes a revolving fund of \$350,000,000," Mr. Jessup said, "for the purpose of aiding irrigation and reclamation projects in the west. Its passage is being urged by the Western States Reclamation Association, of which Texas is a member in behalf of the only great project Texas now has before her—the gravity canal project in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is the plan to extend loans to the farmers in the districts to be improved, without interest, until such time as they can issue and sell bonds, the receipts from which would be used to repay the government."

The bill is more generally known in this section as the Smith-McNary bill.

BONUS BILL READY TO BE PRESENTED TODAY

**THREE DEAD IN
EXPLOSION OF AIR
TANK; 9 INJURED**

(By The Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 7. — Three men were killed and nine injured when a compressed air tank at the Kansas City Railway Company yards exploded this morning, tearing out twenty feet of the brick wall of the plant and derailing many street cars standing on nearby tracks. The three men were identified as employees of the railway company.

NEPHEW OF RUSSELL SAGE DIES, TEXAS CITY

(By The Associated Press.)

GALVESTON, Texas, Mar. 7. — Frederick H. Sage, for 22 years local manager of the Texas Transport Terminal Company, a shipping agency, died at his home here today after a lingering illness. He had been connected with the company here for the past thirty-five years. Sage was 68 years old and a nephew of the late Russell Sage of New York.

BANDITS BLOW BANK VAULT

(By The Associated Press.)
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Mar. 7. — Bandits early today blew the safety deposit vault of the Ewing State Bank near here and escaped with an undetermined amount of loot.

8 Mexican Bandits Raid San Pedro, Mex.

11-MONTHS OLD BABE SHOT AND KILLED BY ITS LITTLE BROTHER

(By The Associated Press.)
HOUSTON, Texas, Mar. 7. — Claudia Maroney, 11 months old, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded this morning while playing with his four years old brother. The boy found the gun under the pillow. The family thinks he became seized with a desire to try it out.

TWO KILLED AT BELFAST

(By The Associated Press.)
BELFAST, Ireland, Mar. 7. — Two boys were killed when the police fired into a crowd of rioters here today.

FORMULATING ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — The attitude of the United States government toward participation in the Genoa conference has been formulated and will be announced shortly, it was learned today at the White House.

The Flapper Wins — is Called More Charming Than Girl of Fifty Years Ago



The flapper won out when the charms of the modern girl were compared with those of the girl of fifty years ago during a debate held by the Modern Club of Philadelphia. The question was, "Resolved that the modern girl has greater ability, more charm, and wears a better style of dress than the girl of the mid-Victorian period." Mrs. L. F. Mulford, shown above (at left) represented the modern girl at the debate. Mrs. Pennington H. Way wore the costume of the mid-Victorian girl.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — Final agreement on the soldiers' bonus was reached today by the house ways and means committee, who authorized Chairman Fordney to present the measure to the house today.

Chairman Fordney announced that the measure of the committee will be called in Saturday to pass formally on the bill. The measure is not expected to be passed until a majority is reached.

As finally drawn the measure contains four options, with the added provision of immediate cash payments to former service men but entitled to more than \$50 adjusted service pay.

It was stated that no change of importance was made in the new bonus law provision. The other three options are vocational training, home and farm aid and land settlement.

An effort to have included in the measure a provision for the payment of compensation to immediate relatives of ex-service men who have died or who will die was unsuccessful.

AMERICAN WHO FOUGHT WITH SPAIN FORFEITED AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 7. — Nineteen Americans who joined the Spanish foreign legion to fight the rebellious Moors were detained by immigration officials and sent to Ellis Island last night when they returned on the steamer America. The immigration authorities declared that by joining the foreign legion the men forfeited their citizenship rights in the United States.

MISSISSIPPI PROBE IS POSTPONED TWO DAYS

(By The Associated Press.)
JACKSON, Miss., Mar. 7. — Due to the inability of Governor Russell to appear today and the necessity of Chairman Stone being away tomorrow, the investigation by a special committee of the Mississippi house into the charges of Governor Russell that a "persecution" lobby was maintained here by fire insurance companies was postponed until Thursday. Crooks gathered early and were fighting for elbow room to hear the governor's testimony.

CAPTAIN AND CREW OF WRECKED VESSEL SAFE

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 7. — The captain and five men of the wrecked British schooner Norman H. Strong arrived here from Ponta Delgada, in the Azores Islands, aboard the steamer Arctic. The schooner was abandoned at sea February 8. It was heard from Cadiz to Newfoundland. The crew was picked up and landed at the Azores.

FULFILL OBLIGATIONS

SOFIA, Mar. 7. — Bulgaria has fulfilled her obligation under the Peace Treaty to deliver a large number of cattle and materials to Yugoslavia, Rumania and Greece.

The mixed commissions, composed of representatives of the countries interested, have parted on most cordial and friendly terms in consequence of the satisfactory fulfillment of this condition.

OPINION IS SOUGHT.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — President Harding today asked the attorney general for an opinion as to the right of Senator Smoot and Representative Burton to sit on the debt refunding commission while retaining seats in congress. It was learned today.

15 PERSONS HOMELESS AS RESULT OF OKLAHOMA FIRE

(By The Associated Press.)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Mar. 7. — Seventy-five persons, including many small children, were rendered homeless today by three fires.

MANY WITNESSES ON HAND IN OKMULGEE BANK CASE

(By The Associated Press.)
OKMULGEE, Okla., Mar. 7. — Almost a score of witnesses were on hand here today when the district court grand jury continued its deliberations into the failure of the Bank of Commerce.

7 CENTS FOUND DUTY ON LONG STAPLE COTTON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. — An import duty of 7 cents a pound on long staple cotton—the figure in the emergency tariff law—is understood to have been agreed upon by republican members of the senate finance committee, who are re-writing the Tariff-Bill.

In preventing their progress for duties on farm products, republican members of the senate have been asked for a rate of 15 cents a pound and their support in the senate is being counted on by committee proponents of the duty of 10 cents.

Long staple cotton is grown largely in Arizona, New Mexico and southern California.

PROHIBIT MUNITIONS SHIPMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 7. — Shipments from the United States of arms or munitions of war to China was prohibited by President Harding yesterday in an official proclamation.